

Welcome to Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

The refuge was established in 1937 as a link in the chain of refuges extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The refuge has 16,251 acres located along the Atlantic flyway and provides feeding, resting, and breeding grounds for migrating birds and other wildlife. The variety of habitats welcomes a variety of wildlife throughout the year.

The refuge is open 1/2-hour before sunrise to 1/2-hour after sunset. The visitor center is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on spring (March-May) and fall (September-November) weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The visitor center is closed on federal holidays.

Wildlife

Spring - Look for migrating waterfowl, song birds, and shorebirds. Spring peepers and wood frogs are in full voice.

Summer - Look for herons, egrets, avocets, black-necked stilts, bald eagles, and birds of prey. Wood duck and mallard broods are present.

Fall and Winter - Look for Canada and snow geese, swans, pintails, shovelers, teals, ruddy ducks, buffleheads, mallards, and black ducks. Mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and lush flora are prevalent from spring into late fall.

Trails

Wildlife Drive - 12 miles

Vehicles, Bicycle, Walking – Drive along diverse habitats, including freshwater man-made pools, salt marshes, woodlands, and fields. Five trails are accessible along the wildlife drive. All trails are flat terrain.

Raymond Tower Trail - .25 mile

Walking – 30 ft. high observation tower. Forest and upland field

Boardwalk Trail Over the Salt Marsh - .25 mile Walking – Tidal salt marsh



Parsons Point Trail - 1 mile

Walking -Freshwater marsh and forest.

Bear Swamp Trail - .25 mile

Walking - 30 ft. high observation tower and floating platform. Forest and freshwater marsh.



Drinking alcoholic

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Littering

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Obey Closed Area Signs Stav on named trails and wildlife drive

Permitted Activities:



Dogs on a leash no more than 10-feet in length



Bicycling on wildlife drive only



Vehicles are allowed on wildlife drive and in designated parking areas



Public hunting under special regulations



Visitor center open weekdays 8:00-4:00 & seasonally on weekends



Wildlife observation



Wildlife photography



Environmental education

Prohibited Activities:



Camping/Overnight stays



Fires



Swimming



Horseback riding



Off road vehicles



Collecting natural or historic objects



Do not feed, disturb, capture or release any animals. The use of mechanical or electronic devices to lure or attract wildlife is prohibited.



Fishing or crabbing from refuge lands



